



Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona

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### **WIFA Seeking 2006 Technical Assistance Grant Applications for Design and Pre-Design Projects**

PHOENIX – As part of its continuing effort to provide technical assistance for Arizona's water and wastewater infrastructure, Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) and ADEQ Director Steve Owens today announced the solicitation of applications for WIFA 2006 technical assistance funding cycle. The 2006 technical assistance funding cycle runs from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006 and funds various types of design and pre-design activities related to infrastructure projects.

“WIFA is pleased to announce the beginning of the 2006 technical assistance funding cycle,” said Owens. “WIFA's competitive grant funding helps communities take the steps necessary to improve water quality throughout Arizona.”

Funding for the technical assistance grants comes from WIFA's Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds. By submitting an application to WIFA, eligible political subdivisions and private water companies are included on the annual Project Priority List, which is part of the annual technical assistance intended use plan.

Grants are competitively awarded and the deadline to submit an application is **5p.m., Friday, April 15, 2005**. Following a public review and comment period, the WIFA Board of Directors will approve a final technical assistance intended use plan and priority list. The technical assistance intended use plan and project priority list become effective **July 1, 2005**.

WIFA will host a workshop as part of its application process to provide information on the technical assistance program as well as provide guidance in filing out the application. The workshop is scheduled for:

**DATE:** Wednesday, Mar. 23, 2005

**TIME:** 1-3 p.m.

**LOCATION:** 1110 W. Washington Street, Suite 250, Phoenix

Seating is limited and reservations are required by to hold a space at the workshop. For more information or to reserve a seat at the workshop, call Angelica Martinez at (602) 364-1312. Applications may be downloaded via WIFA's website <http://www.azwifa.gov>.

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#### ABOUT THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA

The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona maintains and improves water quality in Arizona by providing communities and private water systems with access to low-interest financial assistance and technical assistance needed for basic water infrastructure. WIFA's funds are capitalized by contributions from the US Congress and the state of Arizona. As a leader in water infrastructure finance, WIFA has become a premier financial institution both in Arizona and nationally. Visit WIFA's Web site at [www.azwifa.gov](http://www.azwifa.gov).